In determining the best value to the Government, the Technical, Management, and Business Evaluation Criteria are significantly more important than the evaluated price. The Government is more concerned with obtaining a superior Technical, Management, and Business proposal than making an award at the lowest evaluated price. However, the Government will not make an award at a price premium it considers disproportionate to the benefits associated with the evaluated superiority of one Technical, Management, and Business proposal over another. The closer or more similar in merit that offerors' Technical, Management, and Business proposals are evaluated, the more likely evaluated price may be the determining factor.

DOE-M-1004 Compliance with the Request for Proposal

The offeror's compliance with the proposal instructions as outlined in OFFER AND OTHER DOCUMENTS (such as format and content) will be evaluated.

(End of provision)

DOE-M-1005 Technical Evaluation

There are several evaluation factors and in some instances subfactors used to evaluate the Technical, Management, and Business proposal. Although cost/price are analyzed separately from the Technical, Management, and Business proposal, the proposed cost/price for all parts of the work may be a significant indicator of an offeror's understanding of the requirement in the Solicitation. The realism of the cost elements or the reasonableness of the price, together with the offeror's approach to performing the work, may be used in assessing the Technical, Management, and Business proposal. Moreover, all portions of the response to the Solicitation will be used to evaluate the offer's understanding of the product and/or service required by this Solicitation.

Technical aspects of proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria, which are listed in descending order of importance. There are 1,000 available points:

(a) Technical, Management, and Business Evaluation

Criterion 1 – Technical, Management, and Business Approach (360 points): The Government will evaluate the offeror's understanding of the work and its approach for performing work in a customer-focused, cost-effective, and timely manner; the offeror's approach to minimizing technical risks; the offeror's organizational plan and structure including Project Manager's authority; the offeror's approach to integrating safety, quality assurance and security into the work requirements; the adequacy of the offeror's plan to develop and administer a comprehensive human resource management program that is designed to promote excellent performance and resolve employee concerns the offeror's provision for comparable pay and benefits for incumbent positions covered by the Service Contract Act and/or Collective Bargaining Agreement; and the offeror's provision for market-based pay and benefits for non-incumbent positions covered by the Service Contract Act. In addition, the Government will evaluate the offeror's approach to working with and resolving issues with the trade union that represents the existing work force and the offeror's plan to achieve a smooth and orderly transition. The Government also intends to evaluate the offeror's Transition Plan for its completeness and compliance with the Statement of Work.

<u>Criterion 2 - Key Personnel (300 points)</u>: The Government shall evaluate the offeror's ability to provide a highly trained professional project management team that possesses the necessary skills and flexibility to perform the SOW. The Government will consider the proposed Key Personnel's commitment, qualifications, experience, demonstrated past performance, and leadership.

Criterion 3 – Relevant Corporate Experience and Past Performance (340 points):

(a) Sub-Criterion - Relevant Corporate Experience (200 points): The Government shall evaluate